

TOWN OF JEFFERSON PLANNING SURVEY
(For more information see www.shepstone.net/Jefferson)

Please help us plan for the Town of Jefferson's future by checking the appropriate box or by writing in the answer. Some questions will ask for only one response while others will ask for multiple answers. Also, if more than one person in your household would like to respond to the opinion questions, please feel free to pick up an additional survey form at the Town Hall or off the project website at www.shepstone.net/Jefferson.

- 1) How many years in total have you lived in the Town of Jefferson?

72	Less than 5 years	36	10 to 14 years	38	20 to 24 years
41	5 to 9 years	40	15 to 19 years	117	More than 25 years
100	None, I am a second-home owner				

- 2) What most influenced your decision to live here? (Please check no more than 3)

72	Born or raised here	61	Low crime rate	72	Low taxes
40	Close to work	8	Quality of local services	90	Had 2nd home here
90	Close to friends/relatives	35	Quality of schools	23	New job opportunity
68	Affordable housing costs	277	Rural nature and farmland	79	Inexpensive land

- 3) Which BEST describes how Jefferson has changed since you have lived here? (Please check ONE.)

50	The Town of Jefferson has become a more desirable place to live.
85	The Town of Jefferson has become a less desirable place to live.
209	The Town of Jefferson has not changed noticeably in its desirability as a place to live.
67	I have not lived here long enough to form an opinion.

- 4) What do you like LEAST about the Town of Jefferson? (Please check no more than 3)

163	Cost of services/taxes	131	Lack of shopping	14	Housing costs
57	Quality of services	87	Poor job offerings	54	Lack of culture & recreation options
62	Transportation difficulties	86	Lack of business opportunities	90	Impact of New York City regulations
74	Property maintenance	75	Changing landscape	44	Changing culture

- 5) How important, if at all, is it for the Town of Jefferson to review each of the following aspects of developments?

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important
Business signs	155	175	98
Density of development	51	148	207
Hillside development	75	164	156
Historic character	31	159	224
Impacts on right to farm	30	111	269
Impacts on streams	25	111	275
Junkyards & property maintenance	27	74	329
Mobile homes and parks	38	140	243
Landscaping	87	180	138
Lot sizes and setbacks	48	183	172
Proximity of commercial development to homes	41	136	235
Scenic impact	29	102	279
Site design and layout	49	175	175
Special uses such as cell towers & windmills	50	141	230

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- 6) Modern technology and ease of travel has made it possible to conduct more businesses from home.

Do you now have one or more home-based businesses? 85 Yes 345 No

If yes, please check the appropriate boxes that best describe those businesses.

7 Vehicle or equipment repair	7 Cosmetic sales	4 Beauty or barber shop
4 Craft or gift shop	2 Farm stand	15 Other agricultural niche business
18 Profession (e.g., accountant)	4 Welding or similar service	11 Telecommute type business
4 Gun shop or similar enterprise	0 Home care (child)	6 Home care (adults)
15 Contractor	6 Trucking business	4 Lodging
5 Clerical or similar service	3 Taxidermy	28 Other _____

- 7) To what extent would you generally favor spending your tax money ADDING, EXPANDING or IMPROVING any of the following public services and facilities?

	Add or Increase Support	Continue As Is	Decrease Support
Ambulance services	166	236	10
Fire protection	159	229	19
Recreational facilities or programs	124	228	36
Special property cleanup days (e.g., tire day)	207	184	16
Town roads	234	177	9

- 8) Where is the last place you lived prior to moving to your current address? (Please check for last TWO addresses)

32 Elsewhere in Town of Jefferson	26 Lower Hudson Valley (Ulster, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam)
35 Elsewhere in Schoharie County	210 New York City/Westchester/Rockland/Long Island
79 Elsewhere in Upstate NY	49 Pennsylvania/New Jersey/Connecticut
15 Always lived where I do now	59 Elsewhere in U.S. or outside U.S.

- 9) Please indicate where you work.

Principal Householder:				
59 The Town of Jefferson	5 Schenectady Cty.	64 Delaware County	112 Elsewhere in NY	
40 Elsewhere in Schoharie County	2 Greene County	2 Montgomery Cty.	34 Another state	
12 Albany County	11 Otsego County	1 Ulster County		
Second Householder:				
74 The Town of Jefferson	3 Schenectady Cty.	34 Delaware County	62 Elsewhere in NY	
24 Elsewhere in Schoharie County	3 Greene County	2 Montgomery Cty.	27 Another state	
3 Albany County	11 Otsego County	1 Ulster County		

- 10) Please indicate your age bracket (principal householder only).

2 <25 years	42 40-44 years	64 60-64 years	16 80-85 years
7 25-29 years	60 45-49 years	35 65-69 years	6 > 85 years
19 30-34 years	65 50-54 years	28 70-74 years	
25 35-39 years	68 55-59 years	15 75-79 years	

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11) How would you describe your present occupation?

Principal Householder:

61	Executive/administrative/managerial
87	Professional occupation
27	Technician or support occupation
22	Sales occupation
4	Administration support occupation
1	Private household occupation
122	Retired
15	Retired but pursuing second career (please specify)

31	Service occupation
10	Farming, forestry or mining
7	Precision production, craft or repair
12	Machine operator/assembler/inspector
10	Transportation or material moving
15	Handler, cleaner, helper or laborer
10	Homemaker

Second Householder:

40	Executive/administrative/managerial
67	Professional occupation
15	Technician or support occupation
11	Sales occupation
18	Administration support occupation
2	Private household occupation
70	Retired
7	Retired but pursuing second career (please specify)

18	Service occupation
4	Farming, forestry or mining
3	Precision production, craft or repair
3	Machine operator/assembler/inspector
1	Transportation or material moving
10	Handler, cleaner, helper or laborer
52	Homemaker

12) How would you rate the quality of the following public and semi-public services?

	High Quality	Good Quality	Neutral/ Undecided	Fair Quality	Poor Quality
State Police protection	44	161	117	60	20
County police (Sheriff) protection	44	157	111	68	18
Fire protection	71	196	95	41	10
Ambulance services	73	177	100	38	17
Health care services	24	101	138	62	54
Utilities (e.g. electric)	48	206	59	62	24
State highway maintenance:	52	217	57	56	18
County road maintenance:	32	171	60	80	58
Town road maintenance:	34	142	56	100	71
Overall Town code enforcement	17	91	154	62	67

13) Should the Town establish or improve local controls with respect to the following:

Conducting site plan review of commercial uses?	317	Yes	78	No
Protecting the right to timber using sound management practices?	306	Yes	91	No
Regulating the construction of cellular communications towers?	308	Yes	97	No
Regulating junk vehicle storage?	367	Yes	48	No
Regulating mobile home parks?	346	Yes	57	No
Regulating wind power generation facilities?	276	Yes	122	No
Updating the Town of Jefferson Subdivision Regulations?	283	Yes	101	No

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14)	Please compare the importance of each of these development issues: Circle your rating for each, using the following guide, and comparing the choices: 1 = Not that important 2 = Slightly important 3 = Moderately important 4 = Very important 5 = Extremely important		Land Development Issue No.1				
			1	2	3	4	5
		Protecting private property rights	12	17	56	96	240
		COMPARED TO:					
		Managing the impact of development	24	35	107	99	144
			Land Development Issue No.2				
			1	2	3	4	5
		Economic development and job creation	43	55	122	83	106
		COMPARED TO:					
		Staying primarily residential in character	32	34	87	98	160
			Land Development Issue No.3				
			1	2	3	4	5
		Harvesting resources (e.g., timber, wind)	38	44	131	96	98
		COMPARED TO:					
		Preserving existing scenic character	19	33	82	89	186

Please note the above choices are not meant to suggest some of both is not possible in each case, but rather to simply compare the importance of each where choices must be made.

15) Which of the following statements BEST describes your view of zoning as a method of dealing with land use issues?

78	I don't know enough about it and I am unsure about the costs and benefits of zoning for my community.
71	I view zoning as an infringement on my private property rights and, therefore, favor other approaches.
208	I support zoning but favor a limited approach that balances property rights and development regulation.
59	I want to see a very strong zoning law that addresses all the major land development issues.

16)	Where would you like to see the community in the next 10-20 years? Please indicate how important each possible goal is to you. Circle your rating for each, using the following guide: 1 = Not that important 2 = Slightly important 3 = Moderately important 4 = Very important 5 = Extremely important		1	2	3	4	5
		Clean and green environment	9	11	44	102	270
		Vibrant tourism industry	83	74	134	81	58
		Strong natural resources industry	41	64	148	92	75
		Higher quality forms of development	69	58	132	103	53
		More affordable housing	94	88	127	61	55
		More high valued housing	117	88	106	72	33
		More local shopping opportunities	81	66	104	107	73
		More recreation for residents	78	75	118	91	69
		More second-home development	145	92	104	51	29
		More small-scale industrial jobs	82	89	116	84	51
		Preservation of remaining farms	11	15	70	119	218
		Jefferson hamlet revitalization	25	33	85	142	138
		More agricultural niche businesses	15	38	130	127	117

17) Is there anything else you would like to tell us for use in our Comprehensive Plan?
